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FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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1. WE WISH TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH VIEWS PUT FORWARD BY AMBASSADOR DAVIES IN REFTEL. WE PARTICULARLY AGREE WITH HIS VIEW THAT MEDIA IN EASTERN EUROPE WILL MINIMIZE U.S. ROLE AND EXAGGERATE THAT OF USSR IN CONCLUSION OF WW II IN AUGUST 1945 AND THAT THEREFORE AN EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO BALANCE THE PICTURE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND DEPT'S CONCERN RE OFFENDING OUR JAPANESE ALLIES BUT WE ALSO AGREE WITH EMBASSY WARSAW THAT THEY ARE REALISTS WHO WILL UNDERSTAND DESIRABILITY OF NOT PERMITTING MYTH TO GO UNCHALLENGED IN EE THAT SOVIET ARMED FORCES PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN DEFEAT OF JAPAN.

3. WE REGRET THAT EMBASSY TOKYO WAS NOT INFO ADDRESSEE
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ON STATE 121641 AND PREVIOUS TELS FROM EE POSTS. WE

RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT AND USIA REEXAMINE
THEIR PREVIOUS DECISION WITH A VIEW TO REVERSING IT.
WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IN THE COURSE OF THAT REEXAMINATION
THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH ADVISE SENIOR JAPANESE OFFICIALS
IN TOKYO OF U.S. THINKING AND REASONS THEREFOR, AND
ELICIT THEIR OFFICIAL-INFORMAL REACTION. EMBASSY BUDAPEST
FOR ITS PART WOULD, IF AUTHORIZED BY WASHINGTON, BE READY
TO MAKE INFORMAL SOUNDING WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HERE.
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